



**Ravenna City Council
Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2020**

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSxkAhVt_JE

Council present via Zoom were: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West and Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

Planning Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M. by Chairperson, Rob Kairis

Mr. Kairis stated that the first item on the agenda was conditional use for halfway houses, also known as group homes. The Mayor said that the discussion concerning the issue had not been finished and wanted to bring the item back to Committee. He would like the item to be discussed further so that if a halfway house did want to be established in the City that it would have to come before the Planning Commission so that the public can voice their opinion at a public hearing. There were some changes that Mr. Finney and Mr. Cimino were going to add the last time it was discussed. Mr. Calfee stated that he was not up to speed with the topic and the Mayor added that it will be assessed and discussed to see what is already stated toward the conditional use of halfway houses.

- The item was moved forward

The second item on the agenda was to discuss possible budget cuts for 2020 at Maple Grove Cemetery. Each Council member received a Resolution from Ravenna Township requesting to amend and modify the 2020 budget and factor in cost reductions of 20% for the year 2020 due to a reduction of expected revenues. Mr. Harper stated that just because the Township requested a budget cut does not mean Council has to accept it. There was concern over part-time help not being brought back, where the budget would be cut from and maintaining cemetery maintenance. The proposed budget cut would be approximately \$50,000, with Mr. Harper stating that the budget has not increased much in the last 20 years. It was stated that there should be a joint discussion between the Township Trustees and the City Council to discuss the budget reduction. Another concern was that two employees are currently on unemployment, which Mr. Moskun added, who want to go back to working at the cemetery. Ms. Michael stated that if they are going to get paid unemployment they might as well be allowed to go back to work.

- The item was for discussion only

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.
ATTEST:**

Clerk of Council

**Rob Kairis, Chairperson
Planning Committee**